

**REMARKS**

The drawings have been objected to as failing to provide labels. Figure 1 has been amended to include labels. However, Figure 2 was filed with the term “ZEIT” replaced by “TIME.” A copy of Figure 2 is nevertheless provided for the Examiner’s convenience.

Claims 1-10 have been rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Applicant’s respectfully submit that claim 9 is not vague. The phrase “the received audio data are converted after” refers to the “converting” limitation in claim 1, from which claim 9 depends.

Claims 1, 4-5, 8 and 11 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Flanagan; claims 2 and 12 have been rejected under 102(b) as anticipated by Chen; claim 14 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Flanagan in view of Duan; and claim 15 has been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Flanagan. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 2, 11 and 12 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 6, considered allowable by the Examiner. The rejections are therefore moot.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **449122002700**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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Attachments

**ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES**



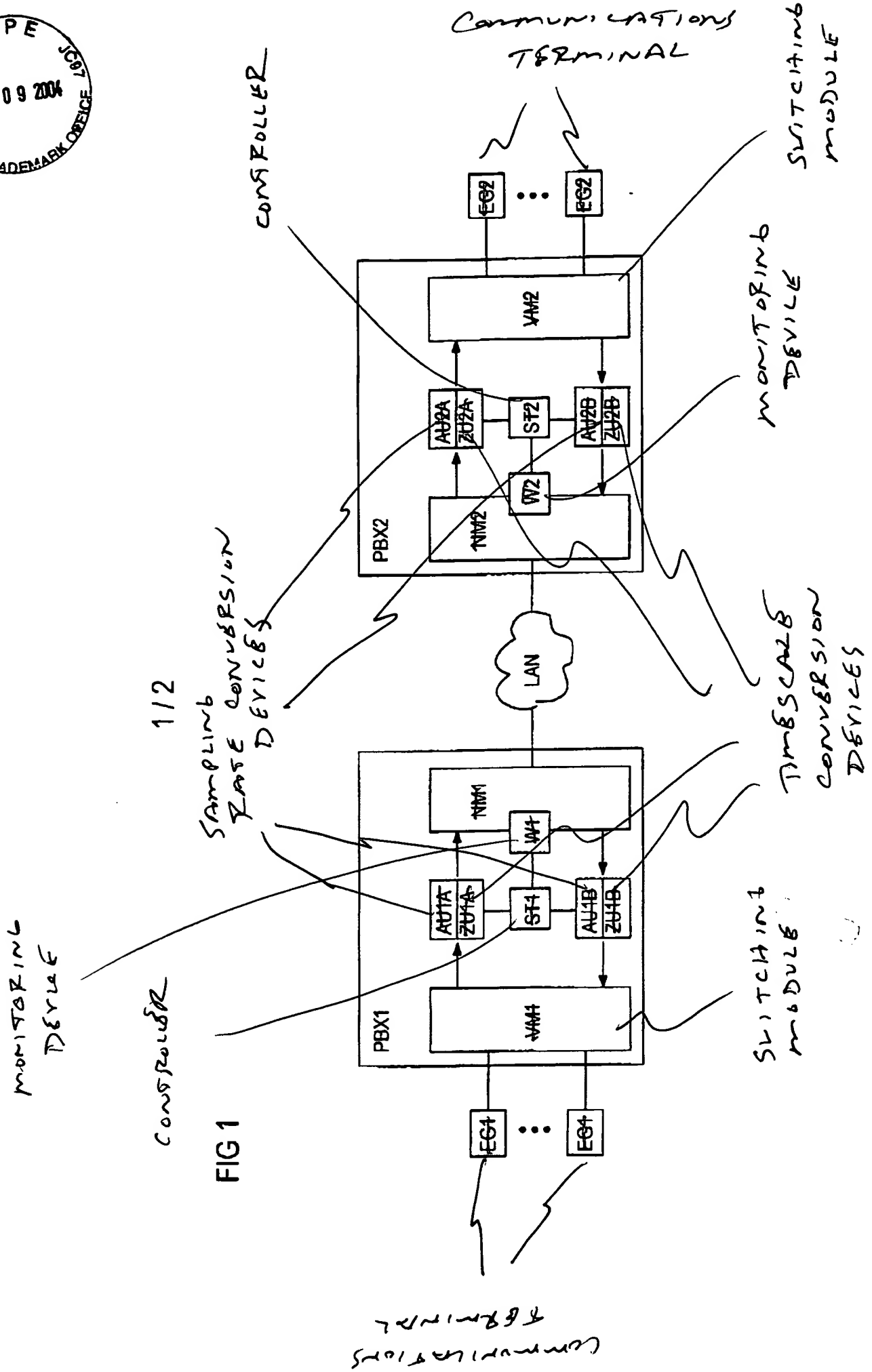


FIG 1

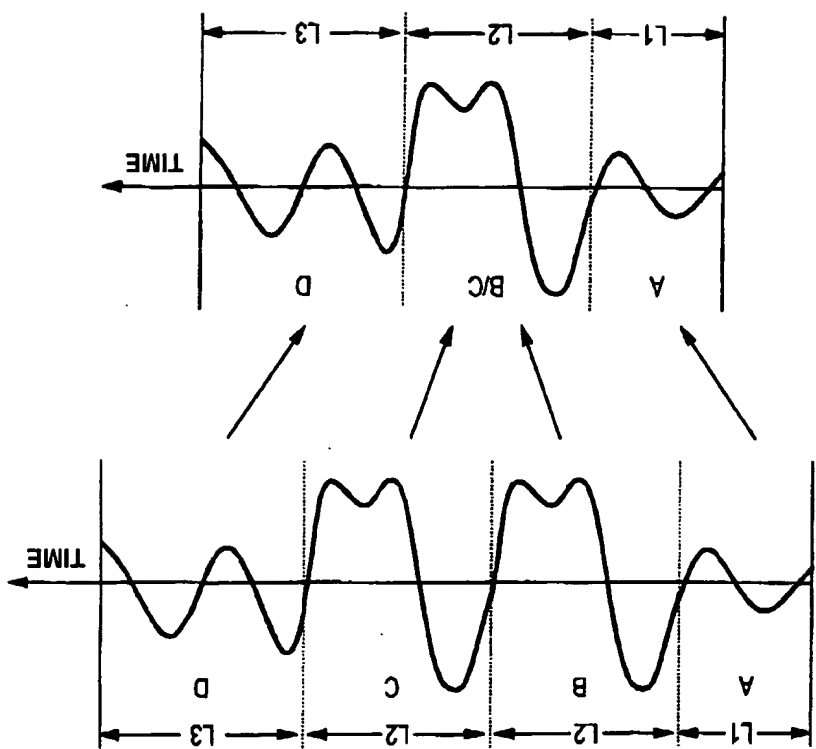


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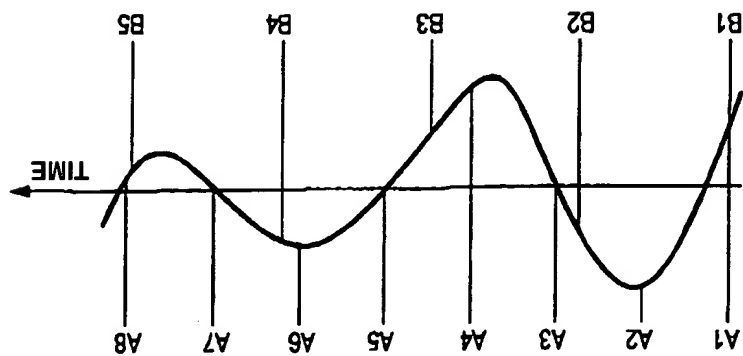


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